

REMARKS

In the Official Action mailed on September 13, 2004, the Examiner has rejected claims 1,  
 5 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 and has objected to claims 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12.

Since the claims which have been objected to fall into two basic categories, which relate generally to the limitations contained in claims 2 and 4, applicant has elected to amend claim 1 to contain the limitations previously contained in claim 2 and amend claim 5 to contain the limitation of claim 6 which is generally similar in concept to the limitation previously contained  
 10 in claim 2. A new claim 13 has been added which is essentially similar to the originally filed claim 1 combined with the originally filed claim 4. Accordingly, claims 9 – 12 have been canceled.

Applicant respectfully contends that these changes, shown above, place claims 1, 3 – 5, 7, 8, and 13 – 14 in allowable form.

15 Applicant intends to provide formal drawings after receipt of the Notice of Allowance to replace the originally filed drawings which, although determined by the Examiner to be suitable for prosecution, are informal.

In view of the above discussion and in further view of the changes made to the claims of the subject patent application, applicant respectfully requests Examiner's reconsideration of the  
 20 subject patent application and expeditious allowance of claims 1, 3 – 5, 7, 8, 13, and 14.

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